



GENERAL NOTICE – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Subject: Orotracheal/Endotracheal Intubation (ET) Training Programs

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Effective: Immediately

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Effective immediately, and per the Ambulance Service Advisory Board's recommendation, a prospective student for an Orotracheal/Endotracheal Intubation (ET) training program must be licensed as an EMT-Cardiac in Rhode Island. EMT-Basics will no longer be eligible to participate in an ET training program.

Any EMT-Basic who completed an Orotracheal/Endotracheal Intubation (ET) Training Program prior to May 1, 2010, may still become licensed for the Extended Role Skill of Orotracheal/Endotracheal Intubation. Additionally, any EMT-Basic licensed for this Extended Role Skill may continue to practice it as permitted by current *RI Prehospital Care Protocols & Standing Orders*. However, no new EMT-Basics will be licensed for Orotracheal/Endotracheal Intubation, with the exception of those who completed their training prior to May 1, 2010.

Please note that there was some discussion by the Ambulance Board of making Orotracheal/Endotracheal Intubation (ET) training a mandatory component of the Rhode Island EMT-Cardiac curriculum. However, no such measure has been implemented and Orotracheal/Endotracheal Intubation remains an optional, standalone course at this time.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions related to Orotracheal/Endotracheal Intubation (ET) Training Programs please contact the Division of EMS at (401) 222-2401.

Authorizing Signature:

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